



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2853

Application No.: 10/667,350

Examiner: R. DIGHT

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For: INKJET HEAD AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE SAME

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

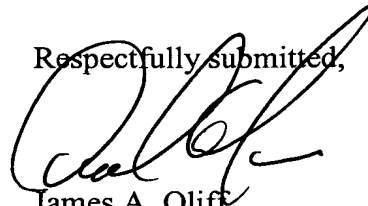
In reply to the December 15, 2005 Restriction/Election of Species Requirement, and in consideration of the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicant elects Group II-B, claims 25-36, 39 and 40, with traverse. Further, Applicant elects the Species depicted in Figs. 11A-11C, with traverse. At least claims 25-36 read on the elected Species.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims and species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims and any single species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims and species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). This policy should apply in the present

application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction/Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:  
Petition for Extension of Time

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